

## **SECTION 1**

### **1.1 INVITATION FOR BID**

#### **CALL FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids, entitled Bid for Nelson #1 Mine Drain Repair and Cottonwood No. 6 Drainage Ditch Repair Project, DEQ **Contract No. 414005**, will be received by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) until 2:00 P.M. local time, October 18, 2013, and then publicly opened and read thereafter. Each bid shall be submitted in a sealed opaque envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and its address. It may be mailed or hand delivered to:

Mailed:  
Bid Box  
Attention: Hayden Janssen  
P.O. Box 6969  
Helena, Montana 59604-6969

Hand Delivered:  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Remediation Division  
Attention: Hayden Janssen  
1100 N. Last Chance Gulch  
Helena, Montana 59620-0901

If forwarded by mail, the Bid and sealed envelope marked as described above shall be enclosed in another envelope with the notification "SEALED BID ENCLOSED" on the face of the outer envelope and addressed as indicated above.

#### **PROJECT LOCATION**

The sites are southeast of Great Falls, Montana and can be accessed by travelling east from Great Falls on US 89, 3 miles to the intersection with State Route 227 and then travelling south 4.7 miles on State Route 227 to the Town of Tracy. The project consists of two separate sites. The Nelson #1 site is located adjacent to East Hunter Road within the Town of Sand Coulee. The Cottonwood No. 6 site is located adjacent to Cottonwood Coulee Road approximately 1 ½ miles south of the Town of Stockett. The locations of the two sites are shown on Sheet 1 of the plans.

#### **PROJECT WORK DESCRIPTION**

Bids will be received for one General Contract. The work will include mobilization and demobilization; improvement and maintenance of site access; provide water; excavation and removal of sludge, soil, and debris; dewater the sludges and soils as necessary; haulage and disposal of excavated material at a Class II landfill; fence; grade, contour, revegetation of disturbed areas; lime amendment; installation of ditch liners, shotcrete, and riprap; repair of storm drainage utilities; and provide BMPs for sediment control.

The project will include all incidental work necessary to complete the project as specified in the Contract Documents.

#### **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

In order that prospective bidders' names appear on DEQ's plan holder's list, that potential bidders' Contract Documents are uniform, accurate, and have not been modified in any way, and so that potential bidders can obtain notice of any Addenda to the Contract Documents, Contract Documents shall be obtained from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ"), Remediation Division, P.O. Box 200901, 1100 N. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59620-0901, (406) 841-5000

after **September 20, 2013**. Contract documents shall be obtained for a non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 in advance, in cash or check payable to "Department of Environmental Quality." Credit Cards will not be accepted.

Mail requests shall be labeled **Bid Package Purchase, DEQ Contract No. 414005 and addressed to: Bid Box, Attention: Hayden Janssen, P.O. Box 6969, Helena, Montana 59604-6969**. Contract Documents may also be obtained in person from the DEQ Remediation Office, located at 1100 North Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Montana. For further directions, call (406) 841-5000.

Contract Documents, including any addenda, will be available for viewing at the Builder's Exchanges identified in the Instructions to Bidders.

## QUESTIONS

For general questions, contact Hayden Janssen (406-841-5082). All questions about the meaning or intent of the Contract Documents are to be submitted in writing to and must be received by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ"), by fax (406) 841-5050, by mail, or by e-mail no later than 12:00 pm on **October 9, 2013**. **Questions submitted by mail should be labeled "BID QUESTIONS, DEQ CONTRACT No. 414005" and addressed to Bid Box, Attention: Hayden Janssen, P.O. Box 6969, Helena, Montana 59604-6969**. Questions may also be e-mailed to [HJanssen@mt.gov](mailto:HJanssen@mt.gov). Responses to questions will be posted at <http://svc.mt.gov/gsd/OneStop/SolicitationList.aspx> no later than close of business **October 11, 2013**.

## CONTRACT TIME

**The Contract Time will be thirty (30) consecutive calendar days, with an estimated start-up date around October 28, 2013.** The Contractor will pay the Owner liquidated damages in the amount of Twelve-Hundred-and-Fifty (**\$1,250.00**) dollars per day for each day beyond the Contract Time (as adjusted in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents) that the work is not substantially complete.

## PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A mandatory pre-bid conference and walk-through will be held for prospective bidders on **October 7, 2013**. The walk-through will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Sand Coulee Fire Hall. After a description of the project, bidders will walk the project areas for additional project discussion and bidders' questions. Prospective bidders should dress and plan accordingly. **Both the pre-bid conference and the walk-through are mandatory: bidding contractors are required to attend.** Failure to attend the pre-bid conference and walk through is a basis for Owner to reject the bid under Article 5 of the Instruction to Bidders.

## BID SUBMITTAL

Bids shall be submitted in accordance with Instructions to Bidders and with the laws of the State of Montana.

All workers employed in performance of the project work shall be paid prevailing wages at rates required by Federal regulation and the laws of the State of Montana.

Bidders must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Subject to the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, no qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or services of a public entity or be subject to discrimination by any such entity. Persons with disabilities seeking accommodation may contact DEQ to make their request.

Owner reserves the right in its sole discretion, to cancel the contract solicitation for this project, to reject any and all Bids, to postpone or refuse to award the contract, to consider the Bid of another Bidder, to waive any and all informalities, and to take any other action it deems in the best interests of the State of Montana.

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